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To whom it may concern,

This letter is in response to the lawsuits about the Norplant. My name is Marcy Soderberg, I had the Norplant in 1991 to 1993. In those two and half years I had problems with this type of birth control. My problems started with lower left side ovarian pains, I did not have period for about 9 ½ months while having the Norplant in my left arm. I went to six different doctors to find out my problem with this pain in my side and why I did not have a period for the 9-½ months. Five of those doctors said that they could not figure out what was wrong with me. I went through all types of test to figure out what was causing this problem. Finally the sixth doctor that I went to told me that the reason for my problems was because of the Norplant that was in my arm. He recommended that I have it removed and take birth control pills to get my period started again. He also told me to get pregnant as soon as I could. In the process of taking out the Norplant two of the matchlike sticks were broken. The nurse that took them out said that they broke when she was taking them out of my arm. To this day I still don't believe that they just broke when she was taking them out.

I have had the same problem for the past 6 years. I even had my tubs tied, cut, and burnt, after my last baby. Doctors told me that having that tubule done that it would correct my ovarian cyst. Needless to say that it did not fix it. I still have very odd periods and the lower side pains. I am 27 and I do not wish to live the rest of my life in pain. I was 19 when I got the Norplant. I am married and have three daughters that I would love to go and play with them without taking any type of painkiller to move. I am afraid the medication that was in my arm may have leaked out. I also have been told that I have extra hormones in my body and that is what causes the ovarian cyst.

I just recently went to the emergency room in the town I live in and was put on more painkillers and told to get a hold of my doctor. I am tired of seeing the medical profession. I was very healthy before I ever had the Norplant put in my arm. My husband is very tired of me not feeling up to taking the kids to the park or do things together. Our sex life is not the best because it hurt to have sex with him. Even though he is a very understanding man I know that it bothers him too. If there is any way you can help my family and I with this medical problem please write me. I would really be thankful for your help. Like I said I only wish to have a normal life, but it may be too late for that. So please contact me as soon as you have some type of information for me.

Sincerely,

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